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Date: July 21, 2006
Re: Executive Director Update

NEW REVENUE GENERATION

Members – We’ve received several renewals from existing members and continue to pursue these. In the last few weeks, we’ve added the following as new members:

Name	Membership Type
UMDNJ, Urban & Community Development	Department
Anthony Lingo	Resident

We are now up to over 40 active paid members. On June 1, 2005, we had 11 members who were up to date on their dues.

Foundations – I drafted two templates for letters of interest that can be sent to foundations. In May, I submitted letters of interest to the following: Annenberg Foundation, Ford Foundation, Campbell Soup Foundation, and St. Lawrence Cement. Annenberg responded no, Ford responded that they are reorganizing some priorities in Camden and asked for further conversations (program officer is Miguel Garcia). I have talked to several Ford grantees (MDRC, Bloustein, TRF, John Kromer) about what CAMConnect is doing.

In the next month, I intend to submit letters to the Kellogg Foundation, PSE&G, and Fund for New Jersey. I will continue to explore possibilities for funding from William Penn and RWJ. Any contacts that Board members may have with these organizations would be appreciated.

ONGOING AND POTENTIAL CONTRACTS / FEE FOR SERVICES

Camden Center for Youth Development / CCYSC – Work is continuing on this two-year contract (Total amount for 2 years is \$18,000). Next steps include comparing Camden City youth outcomes to those from surrounding municipalities and the state.

Health Data - The Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers has awarded a \$20,000 contract with CAMConnect to manage the health data. Initial work on this contract has involved preparing materials for the health planning conference on June 1. Other work will include managing the IRB processes at each hospital and data acquisition work. We still need to refine issues of access and use of the data, ideally working with a health data committee (first meeting on July 27).

Abbott Indicators –Education Law Center has funding for additional work in Camden. ELC has signed a contract with CAMConnect for work including preparation short data summaries as needed by a new ELC branch / advocate in Camden (Lauren Hill). Their main concern is CAMConnect’s ability, in the absence of a Data Manager, to respond quickly to requests for data at a time when we have other commitments. Possible solutions to this issue include identifying consultants in advance who could potentially help in a pinch.

Camden City Health Needs Assessment – CPAC, in conjunction with CAMConnect, submitted a proposal to the County Health Department for preparation a health needs summary for Camden City, with completion scheduled by August 30, 2006. Budget for CAMConnect is approximately \$7,000. CPAC did not get this contract.

Take a Loved One for a Checkup Survey – We received \$1,100 to complete analysis of this survey, which we helped AHEC and Cooper (among others) develop and administer last fall.

OTHER PROJECTS

Camden Rankings – Sean and I have completed a one page (two side) summary of data that he is asked about in the community. This handout includes data on how Camden compares with other municipalities on demographics, crime, and health data and is designed for a general audience.

Camden Facts 2006 – Based on the feedback from the Members Survey, updating the Camden Facts: Camden City report is a top priority. Some work prepared for the health planning conference on June 1 will form the foundation of this report. Updated Census information for Camden City from the American Community Survey will be included once this data is available.

CRA – Mapping Discussion – We held a meeting with GIS entities in the City / County to discuss data sharing and procedures for maintaining updated GIS files on June 7. CAMConnect will be part of a core group working with the CRA and the County to identify a common parcel file that can be used as a standard. Participants in the meeting also anticipated.

NJ ICAT GIS Program – We had a one-year assessment from the State for their program to link non-profits with access to GIS technology. Our assessment was generally positive, and our contact was very pleased at our role in organizing a discussion on collaboration. We need to provide original GIS shapefiles for the State to share via its website.

Legal Checkup for Nonprofits – I attended a half-day free “Legal Checkup for Nonprofits” sponsored by the Pro Bono Partnership on June 8 in New Brunswick which contained some good information (especially for the price!). We are in good shape regarding compliance with bylaws, not having a stagnant board, etc. I followed up with the Pro Bono Partnership to clarify some questions I have regarding CAMConnect’s relationship with Cooper as a fiscal sponsor, since we don’t have 501 c (3) status on our own.

SCHEDULE

July Board Meeting – Friday, July 21 (9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., UMDNJ) **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

July Members Meeting – Friday, July 21 (10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., UMDNJ)

CAMConnect Training (GIS) – To be determined, pending availability of LEAP Academy facility

August Executive Committee – Thursday, August 3 (10 a.m., Camden Empowerment Zone)

October Board meeting – Thursday, October 19 (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.)